

Knepper and others, officers and members of Mount Moriah Lodge No. 32, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, praying for an act of incorporation;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Hollman, Weber, Boteler, Wade and Mann.

Mr. Ghiselin presented the petition of sundry citizens of Prince George's county, relating to commissions charged by lawyers, constables and other officers, for the collection of claims placed in their hands for collections, and asking relief therefrom;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice.

On motion of Mr. Naill,

Leave was granted Messrs. Naill, Thomas, of Frederick, Buckey, Shriver and Lynch, to bring in a bill to incorporate "The Pipe Creek Benevolent Society."

On motion of Mr. Kilgour,

Leave was granted Messrs. Kilgour, Trundle, Griffith and Waters, of Montgomery, to bring in a bill entitled, an act to authorise S. C. Viers, trustee of W. O'Neal, late sheriff and collector of Montgomery county, to complete his collections.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, of Talbot,

Leave was granted Messrs. Thomas, of Talbot, Arringdale and Bowdle, to bring in a bill to authorise the trustees of school district No. 2, in election district No. 1, of Talbot county, to levy a tax for the payment of rent due for school houses, in said district.

On motion of Mr. Purnell,

Leave was granted the committee on Colored Population, to bring in a bill further to restrict the return of free negroes, who leave the State.

On motion of Mr. Ligon,

Leave was granted Messrs. Ligon, Thomas, of Anne Arundel, and Warfield, to bring in a bill to incorporate the Literary Society at Ellicott's Mills, to be called the Howard Lyceum.

Mr. Dail submitted the following order:

Ordered, That the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, enquire if the laws of this State, do not require amendment, so as to prohibit free negro women from swearing any illegitimate child to a slave as the father, and if the bastardy law does not demand some modification in this particular;

Which was twice read.

Mr. Reeder moved that said order be referred to the select committee raised on "Seduction."

Mr. Semmes moved to lay said order on the table;

Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Thomas of Talbot, reported a bill entitled, an act to authorise the trustees of school district No. 2, in election district No. 1, of Talbot county, to levy a tax for the payment of rent due for school houses, in said district.

Mr. Ecker reported a bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Evan L. Crawford, of Carroll county.